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From Eliza Cook's Journal

My Old Straw Hat. Farewell, old friend, we part at last, Fruits, flowers, and summer, all are past, And when the beach-leaves bid adieu, My old straw hat must vanish too. We've been together many an hour, In grassy dell and garden bower,

And plant and ribbon, scorch'd and torn, Proclaim how well thou hast been worn, We've had a time, gay, bright, and long, So let me sing a grateful song, And if one bay-leaf falls to me, I'll stick it firm and fast in thee,

My old straw hat. Thy flapping shade and flying strings, Are worth a thousand close-tied things, I love thy easy fitting crown, Thrust lightly back or slouching down;

I cannot brook a muffled ear, When lark and blackbird whistle near; And dearly like to meet and seek The fresh wind with unguarded cheek, Toss'd in a tree thou'lt bear no harm, Flung on the sod thou'lt lose no charm; Like many a real friend on earth, Rough usage only proves thy wroth,

My old straw hat.

The world will gaze on those who wear Rich showy pearls in raven hair, And diamonds flashing bravely out, In chesnut tresses wreathed about; The golden bands may twine and twirl, Like shining snakes through each fair curl, And soft down with imperial grace, May bend over Beauty's blushing face; But much I doubt if brows that bear The jewell'd clasp and plumage rare, Or temples bound with crescent wreath, Are half so cool as mine beneath My old straw hat.

Minerva's helmet! what of that? Thou'rt quite as good, my old straw hat, For I can think, and muse, and dream, With poring brain and busy scheme. I can inform my craving soul, How wild bees work and planets roll, And be all silent, grave and grim, Beneath the shelter of thy brim. The cap of Libeaty! forsooth! Thou art that thing to me in truth, For slavish fashion ne'er can break Into the green paths where I take

My old straw hat, my conscience tells Thou hast been hung with Folly's bell's, Yet folly rings a pleasant chime, If the rogue will "but mind his time," And not come jingling on the way When sober minstrels ought to play. For oft when hearts and eyes are light, Old Wisdom should keep out of sight, But now the rustic bench is left, The tree of every leaf bereft, And merry voices, all are still, That welcomed to the well-known hill My old straw hat.

My old straw hat.

Farewell, old friend! thy work is done, The misty cloulds shut out the sun; The grapes are pluck'd, the hops are off, The woods are stark, and I must doff My old straw hat-but "bid a wee," Fair skies we've seen, but we may see Skies full as fair as those of yore, And then we'll wander forth once more. Farewell, till drooping harebells blow, And violets stud the warm hedge-row-Farewell, till daisies deck the plain, Farewell, till Spring days come again-

Passionate Man-Men in a passion should be treated like kettles-when they boil over, they should be taken off .--

My old straw hat,

The following is one of the toasts wiren at a celebration of the 4th of July

Youthful Couple."-On Thursday a marriage took place at Manchester, N. H. in which the parties were respectively our young champion, dispelling the cloud seventy and sixty years of age. Immedi- of gloom and disappointment, that obately after the ceremony they started on scured the bright sky of his enjoyment. a bridal tour.

grown in Tennessee.

There is good sleighing in portions of New York State.

From the Record of the Times. THE LOVERS' BARGAIN;

or, Casper's Courtship. BY ECHO, JR.

contrary, by the simplicity of its appear- might be speedily gratified.

position of its inmates. run at large, as many children are, but leave for California. ing how to work. To his parents was he arrangements, and prepared to start. particularly indebted for many useful | On the evening before his departure, lessions, who early impressed upon his he went to bid his 'fair one,' a 'good bye,' mind the genuine worth of habits of in- till his return.

dustry, honesty and politeness. its meridian height, and we find him en- assumed that pleasing variety of hues tering the sphere of manhood, enjoying that Poets sometimes tell us about. The the blessings of friends, a good reputa- orchards were bending beneath their tion, good health, and flattering prospects. weight of golden fruit, some of which, e-And yet, notwithstanding all these, he ven seemed to blush at being such an in-

was unhappy. expression would not be justifiable; for ed unusually beautiful. The verdant mead how could one be unhappy, when enjoy- that spread out around the dwelling, ne er ing the richest boon of heaven-the so- before appeared arrayed in such a becomciety of kind relatives, fond brothers, ing dress. All nature seemed to present to loving sisters, and above all, a clear con- his mind and fancy, beauties indiscriba-

These had always been to him, a source | 'And am I so soon to leave all these of pleasure, but now, there was another loved scenes?' murmured Casper, as he thought that seemed to sway its potent approached the house. sceptre over all these, and continually But reader, ere he enters, let me demar his wonted peace. He was happy scribe to you one of the apartments. It beneath some shady bower, or taking an finement, that is characteristic of a jucievening ramble in the moon-light, whis- cious expenditure for this world's comfort pering into the ear of another, the ardor | At a window, is seated the fair one of

ted with a Miss Sarah J. S ----, yet in jet black eye was fixed in melancholy and grace. Her external accomplish was of an auburn hue, or sort of twilight and virtuous motives.

in her society, he could but surrender oquence. The delicate lips part, and very perlitely stopped the engine, rever- puke out at the other. the eye, a fervor and beauty to the cheeck, before her. and an eloquence to the tongue, that affectation never knew.

his recent success, what was his astonish- a seat beside her.

soliloquized he, 'how can she for whom I truth in the assertion?' to all my happiness, blasting with a single dation," replied Casper. stroke all my cherished hopes, all my an- "But how can you leave the society of 'rectified' already. Mr. Hannas, my swell head club promptly handed the felticipated felicities, and all that renders friends," continued she, 'and go so far, blood biled; and if it hadn't been that the low a bright button for the informashun. life sweet? No, it cannot be.

hopeless despair settles upon it; when the pleasent home and good enployment, to cars from running off the track, I'd a new contraption of a blasted bee hive .-young heart dreams are forever fled; and being tossed about by the rough tides of knocked him off the masheen. My wife, The child had jist kivered the opening, life, is forever, forever gone! A biting vicious and depraved. And further, how nephew, was both afraid I'd break the to knock the bees off. As it is, his coat bitterness, a feeling indsecribable by many go there but return no more." words, and only known when felt, con- "I acknowledge," said Casper, "the At Xeny, they stop to cat a bite and looks like a fright.

sumes the existence. treatment he had recently received.

trembling had he opened it, but as his now cheer me onward, have deserted me. feel. Says he, 'It shall all be right,' and eager eye glanced over the page, a ray I had better make a sacrifice in my youth says I 'Let's drink.' We'd just turned bus,' and I'm too excited to write any of joy darted across his features, a bright and provide against the evil day; than round to the bar and lifted the glasses, bosom swelled with the emotion of his ble to my true interests, and in old age soul. She therein acknowledged that he make the forfeiture." had been wronged, but the fault was not "Why, you astonish me," exclaimed her's-that it was in consequence of an Sarah, surprised at the eloquent manner injunction of her relatives, at the sacra- of her lover; " but since you are resolved fice of her own feelings and will-that it to go, when do you start?" out west; "American youth-may their had caused her much anxiety of mind, subition reach as high as their standing to alleviate which, she had accepted the sage at 6 o'clock, tomorrow morning, at invitation of her uncle, designing to re- Wilkesbarre, for Philadelphia," replied main in his family a short time-that not- Casper. withstanding what had occurred, her love remained unaltered.

Hope sprung up anew in the heart of But a few short weeks had passed, when Casper might again have been seen Apples without seeds or cores, are attending the beautiful Miss S-, at every public gathering in the vicinity; and it was the common opinion, that

> 'They did love as ever do, Lovers that prove each other true.'

Somewhere in Wyoming County, those around him, all that can be expec-

Gold,' seeming to be more prominent Casper, (who by the way will be the than all others, and it was soon rumored

was early taught the impostance of know- He immediately made the necessary

It was in the romantic month of Octo-But the sun of his life approaches near ber, the foliage of the forest had already cumbrance. The declining orb of day that Unhappy, did I say? Perhaps the was nearing the western horizon, seem-

only when lost in the reveling of imagina- is not ostentatiously adorned, but rather tion, stroling through green fields, resting | presents that appearance of modest re-

of the blaze that was burning within our story. The parting sunlight fell upon the rose colored curtain, which rewildly, deeply, devotedly. He had for a and lit up a countenance, classic and beaushort time, been residing in the vicinity tiful as the Madona's. She was leaning of Rockport, where he became acquain- her cheek upon her hand, and her full, ber teens, who was the ideal of beauty musing upon the setting sun. Her hair within her bosom glowed a heart pure loved to wander amid its mystic folds .-

Oh! the utter misery of a soul, when gers. I should think you would prefer a screwin' for the whole train, to keep the a little box, to eat a bite; but it was some

ties of friendship are very strong, and change bilers, and I hadn't got down With Casper, things continued in this were I to obey the dictates of my own more than three or four cups of coffee state for some time, when, one day, hear- feelings on this point, I should immediand a plate of bisket, when I seed a man ing that Miss S-, had taken a short ately swerve from the design; but this at the head of the table dashing out mind, and demand her reasons for the and die a poor man, if health and strenth he's the man to tell of concerning the was received. With contracted brow, and ambition and buoyancy of spirits, that madder I got, the better he seemed to illumination played over his face, and his pass my time in syren pleasures, insensi- when, as I said, 'Here's luck to the Rail-

"If circumstances permit, I take pas-

"So soon! why, really, Casper," said she, "it does not seem to me that you are in carnast; but as you never have given me reason to doubt your word, I suppose ran, I leaped, I scratched gravel, I clon-

it is true." soft hand in his right hand, and gently ture slid by me like a parnarama painted encircling her waist with the other, "and on lightning. But it wouldn't do. I've can one so unworthy as I, have the in- seen the day when I could have passed to his favorite negro servant, sighed out: then the proper order of mind, confident spiring consolation that, during my pro- him, -before Perry's Victory, -but ever 'Ah, Sambo, I'm going a long, long jour- of being duly appreciated, will come forlonged abscence of several years,, there since then the Erie-sipelas has stiffened ney.' 'Neber mind, massa,' said Sambo, is one who forgets me not? That when my jints. Sary and Jeemes and Kesiah consoling him, 'him all de way down bill, on no object but the general good .- Dai-

ble patrimony, but insufficient to consti- my safety? That when misfortune and rolled over and sweat and swore worse tute him independent; he therefore had a sorrows overwhelm me, there is one who nor General Washington in Flanders .-continual thirsting for riches, that he can sympathize with me? And that when The last thing I see was the striped pants might have it in his power to render to prosperity flows in upon me, there is one fading in the distance until the critter's that will rejoice at my success? Can I, legs looked like two garter snakes. twenty-five cents for every subsequent insertion. The charge for one and three insertions the same. A liber- liber wyoming County, those around him, all that can be expected the wyoming County, those around him, all that can be expected the charge for one and three insertions the same. A liber- liber libe know,) stands the homestead of Casper absorbing thought, and many schemes ness to smooth my way, and illuminate I'd a been dipped in the Ohio river I'd a . It never was characterized by and enterprizes were presented to his my path?-to cheer my soul, and render taken the 'chill off the water' from Pittsits stateliness and grandeur; but, on the mind, by which this predominating desire my arduous task, a source of enjoyment? burg to Paducah; the very railroad sills And when I have gained weath and hon- smoked where I touched 'em; and my ance, and the generous and obliging dis- The dazzling treasures of the 'Land of or, can the bliss of my existence be aug- pulse beat like the tilt-hammer in a roll- them, at the proper exigency? mented by claiming this fair hand, and ing mill. But the 2 o'clock train took noble heart as my own? Can the happi- me on, and I found the rest of the Gump subject of my brief story,) was not, let that Casper G- would shortly ness of my own life be enhanced, by ren-family at the Fenix House. They said dering happy that of the lovely one whom the clerk told them all the rooms was I address? What say you Sarah?"

> of the hand, and in those speaking eyes, bound to change all night but what she'd as she bowed in assent, he read volumes, keep the room. Relay we've seen all yes, volumes of bliss for the future, and sorts of sights and hearn all kinds of you will infer the sequel from the follow- sounds. I'd like to tell you the half, lie opinion. Law is the basic conception

ity we promise to remain true to each whereof, we subscribe our names.

CASPER G.——. SARAH J. S.——

Whether Casper ever went to Californently faithful.

Kingston, Pa.

A Rich Letter.

the Ohio State Agricultural Fair, we ah said that clapped her climax. I a profound study, a problem with whose find in the Portsmouth Tribune. It is know'd nothin' 'bout her climax, but I right solution are bound up the most preone of the best things of the kind we know'd it kept me from meetin' with the cious hopes and the common weal or woe Need I say he was in love? Yes, flected their hues upon her lovely cheek have read for a long time. It is a real committee on beans, 'laugh and grow fat' yarn. Read it.

Mister Tribune Hannas & Clippers:

DEAR SIR: We are here on the affair were enough outside to be seen free.

know a little how they look.

ment, and mortification, when one even- "I am not particularly sad, I guess you bread for Jeemes. But just as I handed the eye." having no associations but those of stran- striped panted serpent had to do all the Jeemes got down on what looked like

car, or tear my clothes. train swifter than a hungry hound goes Gump's badly porforated anyhow.

and I felt as though I had a little loco- humbrugs. motive in each leg of my pantaloons. I gated and extenuated; I dilated, I dissi-"Yes, dear Sarah, said he, taking her pated space; I eloped, I sloped, until nadifficulties and danger surrounded me waved the handkerchiefs and hollered an' you soon reach de end.

full, but they could have one long enough But reader, need I speculate upon the to change in. So they's been changin' answer? no! In that reponsive pressure ever since; and Kesiah said she was but, between drinkin' beer, and Congress THIS certifies that in truth and sincer- water, and Cinonade and Sody water, and eatin' cakes and cheese and herrin' and other during separation, and when the five crackers and apples and peaches and years have expired, if it please Heaven grapes and paw-paws, my head's worse to prolong lives till that period, we will compusticated than a crazy monkey's, and be joined in holy wedlock. In testimony my ideas spin round like froth in a glass of ginger-pop. I took Kesiah round to the patent, double-acting water ram and was going to show her, where, if you'd turn one spigot the water would fly out, and if you turn another it wouldn't; nia or not, I am not able to say; but one but in the bustle I turned the wrong jigthing is certain, and that is, that one of ger,-I gues it was some Dutchman's those five short years has already passed, beer barrell, and I didn't see the misand it is said that Sarah continues perma- take till the poor girl was nearly drowned.

We passed on to the self-adjusting aplet the string slip and before we could The following description of a visit to jump back, the wheels threw about half a barrel of the cussed sass over us. Kesi-

One of the most natural curiosities on the ground, was the 'calf with two legs.'-Ohio State Fair, Dayton, Sept. 2nd, 1853. They charged a dime to look at the one ucation or none all, real desires, base under the curtain; but I thought there propensities, tricking strategy, vendibility,

ments were not her only excellencies; brown, and it seemed as if the sunlight the double cylinder Battering Ram on dued Fizzle-jig.' It looked like a jar those who take up the trade of Legislaone side and the Patent Cement Man and with a hole in one end, and the bottom tion as a handicraft; but the time, we fain as a crystal stream, abounding in noble But that forehead, what a world of tho't Perpetual Squirtin' Jenny on the tother, knocked out of the other. The inside hope, will come, when these corrupt parts upon its pure, shining surface of snow! - with wimmen gigglin', chickens crowin', was lined with looking-glass. The in-shall slough off from the living body, Casper, from their first meeting, was The brows were delicately arched, the babies cryin, & policemen cussin all round ventor claimed that it was very useful in when the community shall properly appresmitten with her charms, yet vainly en- nose spiritual as that of Jaries' daughter, us-hopin' you enjoy the same blessing. persons afflicted with constitutional mean- ciate the true qualities of a legislator, and deavored to suppress the fiame of love he and the mouth extremely beautiful. Her Jest as the Scioto was going out yes. ness. The patient after an attack, is on- put no man at the statesman's post who felt kindling in his bosom, and despite form was slightly below the medium terday, Mr. Taylor, the gentlemanly clerk, ly required to look in at one end until the is not gifted with states manlike characterall his efforts to conceal his feelings when height, yet the perfection of grace and el- saw us on the Springville landing, and sight of his own countenance makes him istics. It is time for mind, not craft to

willing slave to all her wishes and de- leave his friend, and even me, and go to ing we was at Cincinnaty, and in a few attract a great deal of attention. It was discussed all questions of law, of liberty, sires. And the attentions of so manly, that distant clime, from which compara- minutes was transported to the cars. The intended for persons afflicted with the of trade, of finance, as they may affect the beautiful, and deserving a youth as Cas- tively few ever return, for the sake of cars is a great sight. Imagine all the simples and weakness or stiffness on the resources, the wants, and spirit of the peoper G _____, could not fail in produc- paltry gold? impossible! The rumor one story houses in Portsmouth tied to- top of the head. The agent had numer- ple, and bear upon the manifold forms of ing a favorable impression upon the heart must be false. No he would not be-" gether, and behind them fastened all the ous certificates showing that persons bad- their social, industrial, and political deof the amiable young lady; and there A gentle rap at the door arouses her, stables and pig pens—and then people at ly addled could pass for sensible at least velopment. What resources of knowlseemed to spring up a mutual electro- and leaving the sentence unfinished, she all the windows, and a team running off ten minutes after each dose. One 'weak edge, what purity of purpose, what enmagnetic union of minds, giving a fire to bids them enter, when lo! her lover stands with the whole procession, and you will brother' had overloaded his stomach, and largement of views, what acquaintance "Good evening, Sarah," said he, as she While the Captain on the platform was ning the thing into the ground.' It works of the mighty reasoners, ancient rose to meet him. "But why is my sweet screwin' his wheel and the iron horses took two to hold him: The 'Nincompoop and modern, upon the various subjects of With feelings inexpressibly elated by Sarah sad to night?" continued he, taking blowed their noses a few times to get a Cordial' took the premium—a pair of civil polity, and at the same time what good start, I tried to buy some ginger leather spees, 'warranted not to cut in practical familiarity with the daily life

ing, the cup of bliss was dashed from his only think so, Casper," responded Sarah. over my quarter and the boy reached out While I was scraping off the apple-sass, lips, by his fair one's positively refusing "However, Casper, it is rumored all a- the refreshments, the cussed cars started. it was discovered that one of the premium round, that you intend leaving in less I perlitely asked the little spider-legged rolls of butter had disappeared; and some Could be believe it possible? 'No,' than a week, for California; is there any conductor at the wheel, if he wouldn't knowing looking individual ventured the stop and let me recify, but he only opinion that it had been taken out by the would even die, thus give a death blow | Well, it is not altogether without foun- unscrewed and went the faster, saying he man who had been round offering to 're- tossed adrift, like an ill-guided bark. guessed I'd been takin' too msuh of the move grease spots!' A member of the

The stocks and cattle and other agricultural implements is very lively. One horse, said to be as gentle as a ram, journey, to visit an Uncle, he determined I dare not do. Duty and justice to myto unfold to her by letter, the state of his self, prompt me. I am too proud to live says I, that's the soup-erintendent, and while I was feeling his windygalls. And I seed another animal they called the the trees which went forth on a time to are mine. I shall have to encounter striped-panted cuss. While the wimmen Sheep-o-ass-a-muss—an on-natural curi-The worst can but be known,' said he hardships and dangers it is true, but I am got on the car, and the crowd bustled, I at the life to the life to the life the life to the l 'The worst can but be known,' said he hardships and dangers it is true, but I am got on the car, and the crowd bustled, I a strange noise, and at other times it until in very despair, they have been consulted to say unto the better qualified now to endure them, than slipped up to the soup man and told him slipped up to the s ts message.

I will be when the declining autumn of age how I'd been treated. He seemed like a teen years, and expected to have him sixhas settled on my brow, and the vigorous clever feller, and the more I sed and the teen years longer if he didn't die. He was half sheep, half ass, and half asleep.

But the band is playing 'Hail Colummore. There's a fellow here making money selling bugs. He says they are inroad Soup—, some one hollcaed out—'All aboard!' and away went the dispensible in every family, and serve to keep up a healthy cirkelation and exto dinner. 'All 'board!' thinks says I- cite the nervous system. Some men have if they're not all bored, Mr. Philander got rich just by one of these bugs. Mr. Barnum, he says, is one of 'em; but I don't know him. He says the man that I knowed it was a plan of the striped invented 'Radaways Ready Relief,' and panted villian to leave me, and determin- the 'All Healin' apple Sass,' each had ed if long legs and a willing disposition one of 'em. They hum a little tune calwould do any good, to overtake him .- led-'The fools is not all dead yet.' Ev-His steam was up and so was my dander; ery body's buying one. He calls 'em

But here's the omnibus for the Fenix House, and I must stop. Yours truly. PHILANDER GUMP.

Casper was in possession of a reasona- there was one whose prayers ascend for 'come on Phile!' but I laid down and The Standard of Statesmanship and its appleation at the Ballet

Are brains, learning, and virtue requsite to form a thoroughly-farnished legisto flunkeys and nobodys, and then expect that Providence will work a miricle and bestewd the gift of common sense upon

It is a marvel, that in a country like ours, where there is so much legislation, where the community is a law-abiding one, where the contact between the government and the people is close, there should nevertheless be such a low standard of legislative capacity. Laws are the ultimate and authoritative expression of pubof a form and mode of government. The codes which departed nations have left to us, are, perhaps to a philosophic observer, their most significant and interesting relics, for in them are emboided the customs, beliefs, polity and spirit of the people.-The Legislator has ever been considered as occupying a position of the most solemn and responsible character. He requires certain qualifications. The history of the people for whom he legislates, their laws, customs and institutions, should all be familiar to him. He should be acquainted with the history of other nations, and be ple butter biler, and sot down to let the able to draw therefrom such lessons and beer dry; but the feller at the masheen illustrations as their fruitful experience may suggest. Legislation should present itself to his mind as a vast social science, of the governed.

A low order of mind, and imperfect eddependence, subservience, and jobbinggrounds, all well and hartsome, close to Another interesting thing was the 'sub- these may, and mostly do, characterize enter upon legislation, as an arena of himself up, the victim of Cupid, and the she murmurs, "Can it be that he will sed the bilers till we got on. Next Mornand doings of the people, are required to make up a thoroughly-furnished statesman! To the hands of such an one, we may confidentially commit the helm of State, assured, if we may have any faith in man, that the goodly ship shalt not be

"Which angry waves, cast out on distant

And then retireing, leave it there, to rot And moulder in the winds of heaven.

Astatesman thus equiped, will not only be the passive expression of the times, but will himself be a creative power, and enthe object of it would have clung to thro' the world-entirely among strangers-the Sary Gump, and Kesiah Gump, my and Sary had to slash round right lively abled to explore new paths of progress, tails are all stuck together and the child perity, and to suggest original conceptions, to be emboided into legislation.

If we seek to realize this lofty ideal of the legislator, the Senate-house will then become an object of honorable ambition,-At present, good men, great men, wise men, avoid it. Jotham's fable seems to be rehearsed in our midst. Voters, like anoint a king over them, have been put thou, and reign over us! It is high time the people of the United States should amend this state of things altogether .--Conventions cannot make statesmen. A nomination cannot metamorphose a loafer, a dullard, a mercenary noisemaker, a haberdasher of the most petty intellectual wares, or an ale-bench politician, into a competent legislator, though it would seem that, when a political party puts any Doe or Roe on its legislative ticket, he becomes at once a thoroughly qualified law-maker for a great commonwealth of two millions of people!

Refuse to vote for the suspicious mediocritics and half-cuts put forward of late years on the partizan tickets, and you may thus purge the halls of legislation, We see no other way. We should form some adequata conception of the true character of a law-maker, and then discriminate accordingly at the ballot-box. Thus we may magnify and make honorable, and not be A dying West India planter, groaning little, the high-calling of a legislator; and